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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Christian Education.

Stray Thoughts on a Great Theme.

By The Pastor.

It is sometimes said that the four years of the college course are the most critical and important in the history of the entire life. The statement requires qualification. Every year from the birth of the child to the age of 25 is critical and perilous; perhaps each year equally with every other year. The years in college are not, in themselves considered, more heavily fraught with danger or temptation than those which immediately precede or follow. They become intensely critical, however, when a single new condition enters into account. This condition is the removal, at the beginning of the period in question, of home influences and parental care. In a sense never before possible, the youth becomes his own master. The question, then of the character of the school which he shall enter becomes vastly important. So we may inquire: What is the work of the Christian school?

Consider the end which is sought. The purpose of education is not always clearly set forth. We sometimes think that there is no single and definite aim. We are told that education is the bringing out or unfolding of the intellectual powers. The founders of the school system of Prussia maintain that the aim is "the harmonious and equable evolution of the human powers." But this is a process, and a process is never an end. One educationist informs us that the aim of education is to produce sound culture. Another asserts that the formation of character is final. Another regards the practical needs of the time and differentiates the educated man from the uneducated man as respectively representing skilled and unskilled labor. Another claims with much wisdom that no single discipline should be arbitrarily sought, but that a genuine and systematic training secures all worthy human ends. Christian education, on the other hand, has a distinct and absolute ideal. This is, briefly, the achievement of Christian character. No vague or fanciful conception is here, for Christian education looks ever toward the realization of its highest aim in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Thus the aim is both practical and personal. Though teachers may fail to understand it clearly or to interpret it correctly; though students may be unresponsive or negligent the fault is wholly with themselves. The thoughtful man, be he teacher of pupil or citizen, recognizes the perfect personal character of Christ as the supreme fact in history. They see that progress in the attainment of that life and in the achievement of that charater constitutes the worthiest and most practical aim of every educational process.

Thus the fundamental thought is pure and altruistic. Plato's Megalopaikon is a pattern and model of every educational system, from which Christianity and the Christian system are eliminated. The philosopher's ideal man was great souled, as the name implies. He was strong, scholarly and just. His nature was cold and lofty, his spirit intense and vigorous. He never forgot a favor. He never forgave an injury. He was an egotist of the most refined type. Much of our modern education cries back to this high souled being as a sovereign type and ememplar. It rings the changes eternally on such words as power, bravery, honor. It finds the keynote of true living in success. It would be strange indeed if the dominant sommercial spirit of the time did not lay a strong hold upon educational forces and operations. Plato's creation is worthy of our praise anl admiration, but, like the masterpiece of the sculptor, it lacks life. Christian education finds a magnificent fulfillment in sympathy and sacrifice. It seeks culture as a means to more efficient service. It seeks manhood for Christ's sake, not simply for manhood's sake. Its disciples study, not simply that they may do, but that they may be.

Consider the function of the teacher. The Christian school lays a resposibility upon the teacher for the moral anl religious character of his pupil. This resposibility is willingly and cheerfully accepted. This is true even of the larger Christian institutions. The duties of the teacher in the Christian school do not end when he has stepped beyond the threshold of his class room door. He follows his students anxiously into all their pursuits anl recreations. He seeks to guide, without seeming to guide, their restless and eager footsteps. And in the solitude of his communings with God he bears upon his heart the burden of their souls and pleads most earnestly for the boys and girls whose lives he is shaping and fashioning day by day.

The Christian teacher realizes the presence and the pressure of stern duties. He sees the men of tomorrow in the youth of

today. Before him there pass in review the vast armies of human beings who will feel the influence of the lives and the labors of his students in the coming years. He discerns the birth of new institutions, the changes in political and social relations, the growth in the general life of the age, the increase of scientific knowledge and the development of new activities in literature and the arts. With the eye of a prophet he sees that all these measures will be brought about by the instrumentality of the men and women who are now passing through the most critical phase of their life's history.

Arnold of Rugby realized these important truths. He was not a pedagogical machine. He burned with a living sympathy. His highest emolument was the simple gratitude of the boy whose heart he had won by some kindly deed. His loftiest ambition was to serve his pupils. The gentleman who was until recently the beloved president of one of our oldest Christian universities gained an enviable place in the affections of his pupils by similar means. Those who were struggling with poverty during their school life would find frequently that an amount of money had been pushed under the door of their room during their absence and that the mysterious donor had vanished. Such instances as these are the rule in Christian schools.

Consider the training of the student. Christian education uses knowledge as a means by which higher powers are won. For ages the motto "Knowledge is power" was the watchword of culture. In the Christian system there is substituted the more heroic cry, "Righteousness is power." Knowledge now becomes a mere instrument of the larger good, a schoolmaster who points us toward the goal of our striving. Righteousness is truth lived. Not all knowledge is virtue. It is possible for a man to have a definite theoretical grasp of the truth while he lives a lie. Christian education holds the issues of life in its hand. It says to the pupil: You are an immortal creature. Eternal destinies center in you. Learn in order that you may live. Make truth practical. Realize the purpose of your lives by reaching and saving other souls. This is the supreme message of Christian education to the student of today.

Again, grades of development and growth in the power of intellectual acquisition and assimilation are everywhere recognized. This is certainly the scientific method. Step by step and line upon line we pass from the lesser to the larger truth. Many a young life is broken with the weight of heavy problems. The storm that brings the flush of health to the hardy tourist strikes death to the frail body of the child. The question whose investigation acts as an invigorant and tonic to the strong mind of the scholar brings only horrid doubt, and dreary skepticism, and a barren life, shorn of all beauty, to the susceptible and half trained mind of the undergraduate. I know a mother, a sweet Christian woman, who followed the laisser faire principle in the case of her two boys. She let them "rough it" in the world, in order to make them strong and independent. But alas, although they were bright boys, they lacked the strength and wisdom of angels. Today the older son is a know nothing and a good-for-naught; while the younger son is a roue and a libertine and was obliged to fly from his home to escape the fury of the citizens on account of a foul crime that he had committed.

Much of our education of today says in effect: Let the young man grow strong by wrestling with temptation and doubt. Truth will assert her fair dominion. The student will be all the more hardy and all the more capable when he has passed through the fiery trial which awaits him. It will spoil his courage to keep him in leading strings during the period of early manhood. But man is not by nature an heroic or godlike figure. Unless he is a very exceptional person the evolution of his intellect, under rationalistic and immoral influences, will mean the dissolution of his moral nature. I learned to swim by plunging into the water, 20 feet in depth, from the end of a long wharf. It was a foolhardy venture. It meant swimming or sinking, living or drowning, with the odds decidedly on the wrong side. I was fortunate enough to survive, and from that hour to this the art of swimming has been under my command. But when my children want to learn to swim I will take care to teach them myself, or I will place them under the tutelage of a competent and careful teacher. If my child is ailing, I do not let him walk into an apothecary's shop and help himself to whatever drugs he happens to espy. I will call a skillful physician and say to him: Do your best to give this boy a strong and vigorous body. I can trust you. Go ahead.

In the matter of spiritual interests the Christian man should follow a similar pro-

cess. Here not the body but the soul is in the greatest danger. The boy should not be kept still in leading strings. He should be taught to think for himself and to think wisely and to think widely. In most Christian schools there is the greatest respect for intellectual attainments. In the class rooms and lecture halls of Christian teachers high scholarship joins itself to eminent Christian character and the entire teaching is permeated by a spirit of true religion.

What now is the attitude of the Christian college toward the state and nation? Disease provokes a remedy. The presence of new and alarming tendencies in the republic has awakened a spirit of reform. The existence of many disintegrating forces in our civilization makes necessary a single and clearly defined principle of action. The very unity of our national life depends upon the existence of such principle. From the view point of Christianity the regeneration of the state and the nation should be the end of all effort and the civic righteousness the summum bonum. Today the trend of much of our education is toward the intellectual mastership. But reason will not save a nation. It failed to save Greece. It flung fair France into the throes of a bloody revolution. It gave to England the most brilliant and most dissolute period in its history. The nation's safeguard is righteousness. This safeguard the Christian college labors with all its force to establish.

Twenty-five years ago a number of prominent educationists pronounced the requiem of denominational colleges. Some said that it had never been a strong force in the nation's intellectual life. Others condescended to admit the worth of its work in the early years, but maintained that its day of usefulness was done. These men reckoned without their host. They disregarded one very important element in the problem—the permanence of the Christian principle among Christian people. In the quarter of a century which has passed since the day of these false prophets the Christians colleges of our country have increased in endowments, in equipment and in the enrollment of students, more than they had during the 25 preceding years, more than they had during the preceding 100 years, more than during the preceding 300 years!

I firmly believe that the position of the Christian college was never so strongly entrenched in the sympathies of Christian people as it is today. I believe that the aim of the Christian college was never so clearly defined as it is today. I believe that the agency and influence of the Christian college were never so widely felt as they are today. I believe that the outlook for the Christian college was never so full of hope, never so bright with radiant promise, as it is today. So long as America continues to be a Christian country, so long as the principles that bulwark our national life continue to be Christian in their underlying character, as long as our republican institutions continue to embody and illustrate those social and ethical truths whose fullest expression is found, and found alone, in the Christian faith, so long will the Christian college continue to enlage the boundaries of its influences and the field of its mission.

The Pastor's Message.

Last spring, when I met the executive committee of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and asked them to make a large subscription to the Raymond Chapel Building Fund, I did so with mingled fear and faith. When, in answer to their request that I name a definite sum, I mentioned $1,250, I was astonished at my own boldness. But the amount has been raised, in cash and individual subscriptions, every cent of it. A noble and heroic piece of work has been done, and all honor is due to those who have carried the burdens and made the undertaking a triumph. The bazaar, by which $800 was raised in two days, has not only enabled the ladies to complete their pledge to the Raymond fund, but leaves them with a handsome surplus for some other worthy object. As was announced from the pulpit before the bazaar took place, this amount will be donated to some urgent need of the church. I hope that it may be used in the re-decorating of our church parlors, which wear rather a forlorn appearance.

The Christian Endeavorers have cleared upwards of $100 on the publication of the new handbook, which increases the amount

secured by them to more than $700, leaving only $300 for them still to raise. The Lorimer class hope, with the aid of the entertainment they are to give next week, to complete their subscription. The lecture on "The Land of Evangeline," brought in about $150 more. And just here I wish to express my great personal gratitude to the large audience which honored the pastor by their presence on the evening of the lecture. Altogether, the past month has been one of very determined money-getting, for the cause of our beloved mission. Mr. Tomlinson, who most generously donated his services, has drawn the plans of the building. The lot is purchased and paid for. The additional $4,000, which the committee in charge of the erection of the chapel decided must be in hand before work should be begun, is now available. The necessary $3,000 has been subscribed, for the most part in individual pledges. So the contracts will soon be let, and the work of excavation commenced. The new building is to be dedicated without a cent of indebtedness resting upon it.

As my pen has been caught in the financial current let me journey on a little further in the same strain as I turn from the past to the future. I have an ambition that our church should distinguish itself by an enlarged emphasis of the weekly offering system. I am convinced that it is the most admirable plan yet devised for the raising of church funds. It combines the elements of simplicity, strength and system. Its full success, however, depends upon the intelligent and sympathetic co-operation of the membership as a whole. If it were adopted by every one, whether a pew-holder or not, by the young people belonging to the families of the church, and by all non-church members who worship regularly with us, it would show its full power and illustrate its splendid possibilities. The pledge-cards which were distributed last Sunday will, when returned, be kept in the hands of the treasurer. Only he and the collector, with the pastor, will know the amount promised per week by each person. A package of numbered envelopes will be sent to every subscriber. And during the entire year 1905 every such subscriber will have the satisfaction and joy of knowing that he is making each week a definite contribution to the cause and work of our church. It is a most valuable education in habits of beneficence for young and old alike. It is a system which recognizes and magnifies the value of small as well as large contributions. It is a stimulus to practical character building. When rightly supported it gives tremendous emphasis to the idea of mutual co-operation and fellowship. It is a scheme against which no objection of any moment has ever been successfully sustained. Shall we not then give it our hearty and vigorous endorsement?

The holidays are almost upon us. The Yule-tide season will be over before I address you again through these columns. I wish you all a merry Christmas, full of joy and blessing. And may the New Year bring you abundant happiness, with the continued favor and benediction of our Heavenly Father.

Your Pastor,
Austen Kennedy de Blois.

The Church at Work

Sunday School

C. E. Whitmore

The past month has been a busy one. All the classes in the Primary Department have been regraded. The graduating class of 1905 consists of some 35 members, and is in charge of Miss Edith Neal, assisted by Miss Edith Ahrens.

For many reasons is seemed best to have all the graduates in one class instead of dividing them into several classes as heretofore. We think results will show the change was a wise one.

Some eighteen were graduated from the Junior Primary to the Primary Department.

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20th, special services were held in the Primary

Department, and all the Intermediate Department (with the exception of the Bible classes) visited the Primary Department and enjoyed a most excellent program, consisting of songs and recitations by the scholars and a most interesting talk on the lesson by Mrs. Ware, to whom whom we are deeply indebted. Great credit is due Miss Lingle and her committee, for the beautiful exercises—we extend them our hearty thanks.

In addition to attractions on program the children brought eatables of all kinds and about $5.00 in money—with which 8 complete dinners were served to as many families.

In the Intermediate Department dinners were contributed for four families, and some $18 in money. The total attendance was 590.

Temperance Sunday

November 27th was lesson on temperance. It was our good fortune to have a 15-minutes' talk from Mr. Williams, secretary of the Anti-saloon League of Illinois, and learn something of the great work the league is doing and progress it is making. The cause is a good and holy one—may the Lord richly bless the work.

Collections

There has been a change made in method of contributing—we have adopted the envelope system as used by the church. We believe this will not only increase amount of collection, but will, in part at least, overcome an evil tendency which has, for some years, been developing under the old system.

Early and Regular Attendance

A beautiful silk banner has been procured to be given to the class having the best record for early and regular attendance for one month, and to be held by said class for one month or until some other class has a better record. It is hoped this will stimulate the scholars to promptness and regularity.

Teachers' Instruction Class

This class is largely attended—averaging sime sixty every Monday evening. While the number is satisfactory, and the interest and enthusiasm marked, we very much regret that more of our teachers cannot avail themselves of this great privilege.

Special Exercises

There will be a very interesting and attractive program, in both the Intermediate and Primary Departments on Christmas Sunday.

A part of the Intermediate program for the Intermediate Department will be the lesson talk by Mrs. Googins, which will deeply interest scholar, teacher and parent, and should insure the presence of every member of the department with their parents and friends.

The services in the Primary Department will consist of pictures and song, in charge of Miss Mamie Thompson. No scholar nor the parents or friends of any can afford to miss this most interesting and instructive service.

Xmas Entertainment

By a vote of the teachers it was decided to have but one entertainment this year for the two departments of the school, and this is to be given in the evening. Mrs. C. H. Marshall and Miss Edith Ahrens have charge of this, and it will be be given on Tuesday evening, December 27th, in the church, and we look for the best entertainment we have yet had.

We sincerely hope that none of the scholars in the Primary Department will be deprived of the pleasure of coming because it is to take place in the evening and to avoid this we urge their parents to come with them. There will be no charge for admission. Let us all unite to make it a grand success in every way.

Christian Endeavor

Miss E. M. Pickett, Dept. Editor

The close of the month of November finds the Christian Endeavor Society rejoicing in the inauguration of an advance movement for the sake of the strangers in our congregations, and in seven new members. As active—Miss Edith Gale, Miss Margaret Van Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Huntley, with Miss Edna Waters, Miss Segrid Ogren, Miss Agnes Gowen, as associate members.

The increase banner that the society had worked so hard to get, and that we supposed we had lost, came back to us. In the recounting of the list of new members in the Sixth Presbyterian Society, it was found that honorary members, of which they reported a number, were not to be counted in the percentage. Now the banner will remain permanently with us, and we shall be proud to tell how we won it.

The greatest opportunity of our church for personal work is the Sunday evening

service. A committee has been appointed in the society whose special duty will be to welcome strangers at that service, and give an invitation to the prayer meeting held in the lecture room.

The subscriptions to the Christian Endeavor pledge of $1,000 for Raymond Mission have now grown to $604.31, of which $272.77 has been paid. There is a project now being carried on by some of the young men that will net the society about $100 which we cannot definitely report on now. The treasurer, Miss MacFadden, or her assistant, Miss Daisy Marx, will gladly receive the payment of your pledge, in full or in part, or any new pledge. Prompt payment will be greatly appreciated, though we cannot offer a discount as an inducement.

Sunrise Thanksgiving Meeting

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Sixth Presbyterian Church joined with us at the sunrise service of thanksgiving and praise Thanksgiving morning. Dr. de Blois lead the meeting, speaking from the 23rd and 103d Psalms. It was a very spiritual and helpful service that everyone enjoyed.

On Friday evening, November 25th, at the close of our Thanksgiving meeting we all enjoyed a few lively games, with an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other over the apples that the social committee provided.

"Come with us and we will do thee good." All young people are cordially invited to our meetings.

Ladies' Benevolent Society

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Editor

A large and interesting meeting of the society was held on November 18th. The most pleasant feature of the day was the unexpected appearance of Mrs. de Blois. Sewing for the School Children's Aid Society occupied the time.

Holiday Bazaar

In a blaze of glory and excitement the bazaar came to a close—having been in progress two days and evenings. From the entrance, a glimpse of attractive booths of the dignified ladies and merry girls who unconsciously grouped themselves in picturesque attitudes, infused a holiday feeling. The candy booth, an artistic place of beauty and sweetness, presided over by Miss Leila Ahrens, was the first to catch the eye as well as the patronage. The wonderful success of this booth was largely due to the untiring energy of Mrs. James Linder, who superintended the making of the candy. The doll booth placed in the centre of the room and made very attractive, was presided over by Mrs. Hayne. The dolls notwithstanding their serene indifference drew the admiration of all and were easily disposed of.

The Japanese booth, under the direction of Mrs. Gillette and most beautifully decorated with cherry blossoms, was one of the most popular places. Pretty young ladies in soft Japanese costumes looking as if they had just stepped from a picture of the oriental country, served dainty refreshments. This booth proved a pronounced success. In the baby booth Mrs. McCullough had a tempting display of garments for the wee ones in our homes. The success of this booth brought a good many dollars into the money drawer. There seemed to be no limit to the bags in Mrs. Lindman's booth. Bags large and small, beautiful and plain, for every known and unknown use, were in great demand. The fabled odors of Araby were not to be compared to those that came from the delicatessen booth, under the capable management of Mrs. Pickett. The most delicious fruit, layer and nut cakes, doughnuts, jellies, pickles and pies were there in abundance. No wonder their receipts were large. The fancy goods booth at which Mrs. Whitney reigned had a fine assortment of beautiful things to please the artistic eye and deplete the purse—and succeeded in doing both.

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. McConnell sold aprons. This happy trio and their stock were equally irristable and their supply was exhausted long before the demand ceased.

In the utility booth Mrs. Harvey and her able assistants sold the every-day necessities of life. What one of these energetic ladies could not sell, another would and their stock was quickly sold. In the lunch room Mrs. Pope with her usual gracious dignity was hostess, and offered a supper that would tempt the appetite of the greatest epicure. For two hours each day the dainty waitresses were busy serving those who entered their hospitable corner.

Several dollars that might otherwise have escaped the vigilance of the ladies were brought into the cash drawer through the weighing scales.

Our bazaar was an unqualified success.

and we wish to thank those who in any way—either by contributions or their services—helped to make it so.

We are specially grateful to the Edison Electric Ligh Company, to Sprague Warner & Company and to Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company. Through the courtesy of the Edison Electric Light Company our rooms were illuminated without expense to us., The Sprague Warner Company very generously gave us all the Richelieu coffee and Richelieu salad dressing we could use and had the coffee made for us. We are under obligation to Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company for several bolts of cheese cloth. Among our own members we wish to thank Mr. George Atwell for the neat cards of invitation and Mr. Donnelly for the posters. The net profit will be about eight hundred dollars.

Women's Mission Circle

Mrs. L. B. Lingle, Dept. Editor

The November meeting of the circle was attended by forty-six members of the circle. The program was mainly upon home missions. A good story read by Mrs. W. E. Smith showed the debt the east owes to the west, and illustrated the importance of the work on the frontier where the young men of our own homes are called by business, far away from the influences of their early life.

A letter from Mrs. Fisher brought Japan close to us and made us feel anew the horrors of the war in the orient.

Brief choice selections in prose and verse were read by almost everyone in the room—and were a new feature in the program.

The Women's Missions Union will meet on Tuesday, December 13th, with the First Swedish Church, Elm and Milton streets.

This is the first meeting where the plan of each circle sitting with their own banner will be tried and it is hoped we will have a goodly representation. The First Swedish Church has an honorable record in missionary endeavor, and an effort on our part to be present on this occasion is due to them.

Amoret Henson Guild

Miss B. M. Harvey, Dept. Editor

The guild should have been glad to have entertained every young woman in the church and neighborhood at its November meeting which was one of the most successful ones it has ever had. It was a "Harvest Supper" and the room and tables were appropriately decorated for such a festive occasion. The electric lights subdued by orange-colored shades and the weird faces of jack-o'-lanterns grinned at us from every available corner.

Pyramids of fruit, jack-o'-lanterns and apples holding tallow candles, made the tea tables most attractive to the fifty girls who came in harvest costumes.

After tea an article on the "Old Time Thanksgiving" was read by one of the members and then the evening was given over to the playing of old-fashioned games. The girls entered into these in quite the same spirit as they used to when they were children—"Going to Jerusalem," "North and South," "Ruth and Jack," and others were enjoyed immensely by every one of them. When they were tired out with this unusual exercise, they sat down and spent a delightful half hour singing.

But we do not forget that, as Miss Van Fleet suggests, our Monday evening social meetings are for the purpose of getting young women who have no church home into the church and Sunday School. Plans are being made and worked out too, we trust, that will fill our Bible Class room ful to overflowing and that will be a lasting help to the young women with whom we come in contact. The regular class attendance is larger than it has been for a long time and Miss Van Fleet's plan of having each girl do something for the preparation of the class lesson. We can not help having a greater interest in the lesson when we have given it some study especially when it is something outside of the general line of work.

The Glee Club

The Glee Club is getting ready for Christmas. Just what that means we will leave to your imaginations and to your kindly appreciation when we show you how we have gotten ready.

Lorimer Class

Thursday evening, December 15th, the class gives an entertainment consisting of a pantomime of Hiawatha, enacted by members of the class and assisting young ladies, and the farce, "Uncle Dick's Mistake," the cast includes Messrs. Howard Willet, Harry Storms and Cyrus Garnett.

and Misses Helen Webster and Leila Ahrens. The proceeds will go tward the class pledge to Raymond Chapel. Tickets are fifty cents; children, 25 cents.

The class attendance is on the increase.

The election of officers for the coming six months was held Monday, December 5th:

Mr. Henry B. Chase—President

Young Ladies' Missionary Society

May E. Fralick, Dept. Editor.

On November, the second, the girls met at the home of Miss Leila Ahrens, 3218 Vernon avenue. They sewed on various articles for the bazaar, and planned about the candy booth for the bazaar.

The fourth meeting of the year was held at the home of Miss Ethel Hoops, 3620 Michigan avenue, on November, the sixteenth. The president discussed the advisibility of calling the roll at each meeting at half-past three o'clock. Every girl who is absent or tardy without a good excuse is to be fined five cents. It was also purposed that there be a bulletin-board in the Sunday School room to announce the meetings.

So far this year we have received two new members—Miss Helen Angus and Miss Eunice Baker.

The next meeting is to be held Wednesday, December, the seventh, at the home of Miss Edith Gale, 3352 Rhodes avenue.

Boys' Club

A. R. Rhenisch, Dept. Editor

For several reasons our department has not been represented in the editorial section of our church paper for the last two or three issues, but we hope that conditions will permit us to tell you of our work more regularly in the future.

The boy's work is more promising at the present time than it ever has been before. Since we have last been heard from, a new set of officers have been elected. This board of executive workers promises to be a strong force in the work.

The officers are as follows:
President—Roy Todd
Vice Pres.—Carroll Thomas
Secretary—Ray Wilken
Treasurer—Edward Irvin
Chaplain—Robert Wentworth
Chairmen of Committees:
Social—Lawrence Hepner
Game—Leon Haworth
Membership—George Hardin
Literature—Francis Hagerty.

We expect great things from this band of workers.

We have again organized a drill corps. This branch of the work has just been started and we hope for good results from this work. Mr. L. R. Huntley is our drillmaster and from the enthusiastic way in which he has taken hold, we know that "something is going to happen."

Another new organization which we are going to claim, this time a portion of the Sunday School, is the new class under the leadership of Mr. Pienkowsky. We expect that in the near future the membership of the club and that of the class will be the same. It will not be long before we give the Lorimer Class a hard race for first place.

If any one has a board game which has been laid aside, we would be very glad to have you turn it over to the club.

Visitors are always welcomed to our meetings.

One Year Old

This issue of Church Life is No 12 in the first volume. No church in Chicago has a better paper than Church Life. Its name defines its function. We could not afford to do without it. Most papers have a struggle for existence, and run in debt. Not so with Church Life; all our expenses have been met readily and we look forward to a year of growth in excellence and usefulness. Many subscriptions will be due next month and we hope to have a large number of new names on our list.

A Life Deacon

What a privilege it is to us all to acknowledge the love and admiration which we have for Deacon Parker! In making him a life-deacon we sought to express our sense of his exalted Christian character, and our appreciation of the unfaltering and faithful service which he has rendered during the thirty-seven years of his active participation in the life and labors of our church. May he long be spared to come in and go out amongst us, with his messages of encouragement and helpfulness!

Personal and Other Notes

Don't fail to reserve December 15th, an open date.

Our church holds seven regular prayer services.

Are you a regular contributor to the work of the church?

Miss Gibson, secretary of South Division was at our C. E. meeting November 25th.

Mrs. Monroe Heath has gone to Deland, Florida for the winter as is her usual custom.

About 100 persons enjoyed Thanksgiving dinners because of the generosity of our people.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Henry E. Brown as a worker with us. Mr. Brown comes from New England.

We sympathize with Mrs. Havens who is confined to her room with a severe case of inflamatory rheumatism.

Mr. Andrew Urshan has been attending our C. E. for several weeks. We hape that he will soon join us as an active member.

It is with great joy that we welcome Mrs. Baird into our membership. She is already a faithful teacher in the Sunday School.

The Lorimer Class greatly enjoyed a talk upon Cuba by Miss Pettison, who has been in Cuba for some time doing Christian work.

The new handbook of the church which the C. E. Mission fund finance committee has been working on for some time is now in the hands of the printer.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Hugh T. Austermel and Mr. Frank C. Vaughan for the excellent handling of the stereopticon at the pastor's lecture on "Evangeline."

Mrs. Broughton who spends her time in Boston sends a message of love to her dear church. She is greatly missed, especially in the work of the Benevolent Society.

At a recent Sunday service we were pleased to see Mrs. Haynes, who has been long absent from our midst. We hope to see more of her, and her daughter, Mrs. Wilson.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Evaline Schulte has not regained her strength since her illness in the spring. She is now in Evanston, but hopes soon to go to California.

Miss Florence Kellow since taking up her abode in Los Angeles is much improved in health. We are sorry to know that she will not return to us on account of the climate.

The Christmas entertainment of the home school will be held on Tuesday evening, December 27. The program at Raymond will be given on Thursday evening, December 29th.

Rev. John M. Linden, one of our own young men has accepted a call to the 48th Street Church and will undertake the building of a new church in a location farther south.

The Lorimer Class entertainment on Thursday evening, December 15, is the next great undertaking which offers you an opportunity to be helpful. Invite your friends to come.

Dr. and Mrs. Harris are settled in their new Evanston home. Their sons, Arthur Harris, of New York, and his family, and Frank Harris of Des Moines, and his family spent Thanksgiving Day with them.

After many weeks of patient suffering, we are very glad to welcome Dr. W. H. Gale, for many years one of our most faithful teachers and co-workers—his class of boys rejoice with us at his return.

Mr. George G. Pope has been quite ill recently, but we are glad to know that he is now slowly recovering. He is greatly missed from our Sunday morning services, where he is so regular an attendant when in good health.

Deacon Goodman has been confined to the house through sickness for several weeks. Many prayers will be offered for his complete and speedy recovery. He is one of the "grand men" for whose lives we thank God.

Miss M. E. Young after a rest of a year has accepted her old position as assistant superintendent of the Primary Department We heartily welcome her to the position she so ably filled for several years, and from which she was sadly missed.

After the prayer service on Wednesday a quiet little wedding was solemnized in the pastor's study. Mr. Walter Johnston and Miss Durfee joined hearts and hands. God speed them on their way and bring them to us to join hearts and hands in our work.

Miss Clara Stowell would be glad to receive orders for home made Xmas candy. She takes this means of raising a pledge to the new building. Those who have had a taste of Miss Stowell's candy will be her first customers.

We were not through congratulating ourselves on the return to the Primary Department of that ever willing and earnest worker, Mrs. H. H. Salt, after an absence of several years, when our joy was changed to sadness by her being obliged to give up all active work for awhile on account of ill health. She has our prayers for a speedy recovery and return to the service for the Master.

A New Prayer Meeting

Our deacons have decided to convert their meeting before the evening worship into a devotional service. Such a strong and representative body of men as our board of deacons gathering for a season of prayer should mean much in added power and spiritual blessing for the evening services.

Changes in Membership

Additions

By Baptism—
Miss Beatrice H. Little, 3020 S. Park avenue.

By Letter—
Dr. Franklin B. Ives.
Miss Cora B. Kimball, 215 E. 31st St.
Mrs. Matilda E. Kline, 3112 Prairie Ave.
Mr. Arthur J. Cole, 3030 Vernon Ave.
Mr. Henry E. Brown, 4645 Calumet Ave.

By Experience—
Mrs. Wm. S. Baird, 3354 Rhodes Ave.

Diminutions

By Letter—
Miss B. Florence Kellow
Mr. Walter L. Murphy
Mrs. Jennie H. Lodoe
Miss Ida Anderson
Mrs. F. E. Buddington

Raymond Chapel

Charles H. Coyle. Dept. Editor

Miss Sophia Olsen is one of our new teachers.

A Woman's Society was organized at the home of Mrs. Embree last Thursday.

Mabel Turck, Miss Ruth Barber and Miss Hilda Manfroi have taken classes in the Primary Department.

Work has not been begun on our new building yet, as we had hoped. Ground will be broken for it however before long it is hoped and should the weather continue mild we may see the walls rising soon.

It is rumored that we may soon have Bro. Austermel back in his old place as superintendent of the Sunday School. Confirmation of the rumor is eagerly awaited.

Miss Amanda Engelmann has returned to her home at Alma, Mich. Her sister Miss Clara Engelmann is still with us for the present.

We are about to lose one who has been a most valuable worker for years at the Chapel. Miss Maud Webb will sing at the Forty-eighth Street Baptist Church, beginning January 1st. Her talents have been given freely to the Master's work at Raymond for a long time and she will be greatly missed from our evening services.

Our Bible School is taking on its winter growth—207 was the attendance last Sunday. This is not as many as we used to have in our old building but we do not have nearly as many "transients' as then. Counting regular attendants we have nearly as many as last year. The expectation of the most fainthearted is double this for next year in our new home. We hardly dare print the prophesies of the sanguine ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Edwards received a warm welcome at our school last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Edwards was an attendant and worker at the Mission in 1894, during Dr. Eubank's term. Mrs. Edwards, who was Miss Barbara McKenzie, was one of our most faithful and efficient workers for more than thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will leave soon for California to reside.

If the many who are eager to see our mission housed in its own building again will make extra and self-sacrificing efforts to promptly pay their subscriptions it will make it possible to push the work forward rapidly to completion. And some who have paid all or nearly all of their pledge may find it possible now to increase their gift for the new building. Such help if given now will come at the very time needed. Building is expensive and the committee finds that the funds in hand and promised do not warrant their attempting to put up the kind of building first planned. We should have a house ample for present and prospective needs. Will the friends of Raymond do their utmost to provide such.

Drill Corps Notes

The members of Lake Company No. 12, U. R. K. P. acted as Capt. Wiltshire's staff, Col. Carpenter, Major Bamford, and Lieutenant Menkin were the judges. Col. Carpenter presented the medal.

We are glad to welcome Ruth Bell, Julia Goldstein, and Mae LeRoy as members to the Drill Corps.

We have missed Jennie Throw from our ranks. She is on the sick list.

We welcome Mr. Arthur Tuteur as our new Lieutenant.

Sidney Crozier, John Manfroi, John Parker, Adolph Wineman have taken up active work with us.

Capt. Wiltshire and Lieut. Menkin visited their old home on Thanksgiving Day.

On account of his studies, Lieut. Menkin has taken a vacation until January.

The Raymond Chapel Drill Corps made its first public appearance in full uniform, at its second entertainment held on Friday evening, November 11th, at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The program consisted of musical and literary numbers, and a fancy drill by the corps, which brought forth many rounds of applause from the large audience that had gathered. The main feature of the evening was "the drill down"—a contest for a gold medal—participated in by all members of the drill corps. Competition was very close, and it was with great difficulty that the judges picked the winner. Miss Catherine Manfroi was the lucky winner of the prize.

The Journal of the Church

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk

November 1. Tuesday. Alderman Milton J. Foreman addressed the Men's League on "A New Charter for Chicago." Social meeting of Bible Class C.

November 2. Wednesday. Monthly covenant meeting. Topic: "Our Church An Ideal and a Prayer." Heb. 13:1, 8, 15-21.

November 3. Thursday. Recital given by Mr. Allen Spencer, Mrs. Burton Hanson and Miss Mary Peck Thomson under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society.

November 4. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. Geo. C. Arthur. Topic: "How giving reacts upon me." Prov. 3:9, 10; Cor. 9:6-11.

November 5. Saturday. Meeting of the Boys' Club.

November 6. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached upon the topic: "The Church on the Divine Energy," and in the evening on "Love's Extravagance."

November 7. Monday. Sunday School Teachers' study class. Social meeting of the Lorimer Class.

November 9. Wednesday. Monthly missionary meeting addressed by Rev. Jesse Brooks of the Chicago Tract Society.

November 11. Friday. Meeting of the Women's Mission Circle. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. Robt. Leland and Mr. Samuel Lingle. Topic: "Some of God's Promises that cheer me." 2 peter 1:1-4.

November 12. Saturday. Boys' Club.

November 13. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached upon the topic: "The Name of God." In the evening the work of the W. C. T. U. was presented by Miss Brehm, State President.

November 14. Monday. Social meeting of the Lorimer Class. Sunday School teachers' study class.

November 15. Tuesday. Social meeting of the Men's League. Short addresses by Dr. de Blois, Mr. T. E. Donnelley and Mr. Clifford Williams.

November 16. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Topic: "Our Loving Leader." Heb. 12:1-4.

November 18. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting, led by Miss Helen Pickett.

November 19. Saturday. Meeting of Boys' Club.

November 20. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor; morning: "Victory through Struggle;" evening: "Unchanging Destinies."

November 20. Monday. Sunday School teachers' study class. Social meeting of the Lorimer Class.

November 22. Tuesday. "The Land of Evangeline," an illustrated lecture was given by the Pastor.

November 23. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Theme: "My Reasons for Thanksgiving." Psalms 116.

November 24. Thursday. Union Thanksgiving Day services. Sermon by Rev A. R. Lambert of the South Park M. E. Church.

November 25. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Enedeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. J. A. Hessler. Topic: "How to Express our Thanks to God." Psalms 138:1-3.

November 26. Saturday. Boys' Club.

November 27. Sunday. The Pastor preached in the morning upon "The Persistency of Christianity," and in the evening upon "The Gospel of the Touch."

November 28. Monday. Harvert Home Supper of the Amoret Henson Guild.

Sunday School teachers' study class. Social meeting of the Lorimer Class.

November 29. Tuesday. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, a leaderless service. Topic: Our Partnership and Fellowship." 1 Cor. 12:28-31; 13:1-13.

November 30. Wednesday. Monthly covenant service. Theme, "The Courage of Faith and Its Victory." What are the modern lessons? Daniel 6.

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